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SUBJECT: FRG ACCUSED OF RACIST ARMS SUPPLY POLICY

1. TIMES OF ZAMBIA ON OCT 14 HEADLINED STORY THAT FRG HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND TO FORMER PORTUGUESE REGIME FOR LATTER'S USE IN AFRICAN COLONIAL WARS. ALSO ALLEGED NUMEROUS WEST GERMAN MILITARY TECHNICIANS ARE NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BUILD MILITARY EQUIPMENT FACTORY. STORY APPARENTLY BASED ON DOCUMENT WHICH "PREPARED BY THREE 'LIBERAL' MEMBERS BUNDESTAG, TWO LEADING TRADE UNION LEADERS, AND ONE PROFESSOR" FOR GERMAN AFRICA SOCIETY AND WHICH HANDED TO 22 AFRICAN JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED ONE-MONTH STUDY TOUR OF WEST

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GERMANY.

2. ACCORDING TIMES, DOCUMENT ALLEGES PORTUGAL WAS FURNISHED 27 LIGHT AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH ROCKETS AND 140 OTHER AIRCRAFT "OF SAME TYPE" IN 1966-70 "UNDER SPECIAL NATO AGREEMENT." DR. DIETHER HABICHT-BENTHIN OF GERMAN AFRICA SOCIETY QUOTED AS TELLING AFRICAN JOURNALISTS FRG IS TRAINING PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS IN BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WARFARE AT VILSECK U.S. ARMY BASE IN STUTTGART AND THAT OVER PAST THREE YEARS 79 PORTUGUESE PILOTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED ON US ARMY (SIC) BASES IN WEST GERMANY. ARTICLE FURTHER QUOTED HELMUT MULLER, "HEAD OF AFRICAN DESK AT FRG MINFONAFF," AS ACKNOWLEDGING SEVERAL GERMAN PRIVATE FIRMS WERE SELLING DANGEROUS WEAPONS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL UNDER A NATO AGREEMENT. ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGES FRG HAD AGREED TO FINANCE NATO "EMERGENCY BASE" IN SOUTH AFRICA. TEXT BEING POUCHED AF/E AND ADDRESSEE POSTS.

3. OCT 16 ZAMBIAN PRESS REPORTS FONMIN MWAANGA HAS MADE STRONG PROTEST TO FRG THROUGH LATTER'S EMBASSY HERE AND GRZ EMBASSY IN BONN AGAINST ALLEGED SALE OF WEST GERMAN ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. MWAANGA QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WEST GERMAN POLICY "WOULD AFFECT SPIRIT OF DISCUSSIONS" HELD BETWEEN PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND THEN CHANCELLOR BRANDT DURING 19() KAUNDA VISIT TO FRG. MWAANGA ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID FRG CANNOT CONDEMN APARTHEID WHILE AT SAME TIME TAKING MEASURES THAT ONLY STRENGTHEN PRETORIA REGIME. WEST GERMANY'S ATTITUDE REPRESENTS "UGLY FACE OF CAPITALISM" WHOSE ONLY INTEREST IS MAKING MONEY WITHOUT DUE REGARD FOR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

4. APPEARANCE THIS STORY, SHORTLY ON HEELS OF TAD SZULC ARTICLE IN OCTOBER ESQUIRE (STATE 213729) AND JACK ANDERSON COLUMN (STATE 225811) IS BOUND TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEIGHTEN ZAMBIAN SUSPICIONS USG POLICY ON ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA HONORED IN THE BREACH. THIS STORY WILL ADD TO QUESTIONS ZAMBIANS LIKELY RAISE DURING COMING ASST SEC EASUM VISI. WOULD WELCOME BONN AND USNATO COMMENT AND, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO TRAINING OF PORTUGUESE AT US BASES, ANY DEPT. GUIDANCE IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY

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